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In re the application of:

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HIGH-SPEED THICKNESS MAPPING OF
PATTERNED THIN FILMS**

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is Applicant's Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2003. Prior to continuing examination of the subject application, kindly enter a Preliminary Amendment as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims, reflected in the listing of claims, begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

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